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To: Kentucky Vaccines Program (KVP) Providers
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Subject: Update: *Haemophilus influenza* type b [*Haemophilus b*] Conjugate (Hib)
Vaccine Supply Shortage Is Over

Merck & Co., Inc. ("Merck") voluntarily recalled PedvaxHIB® [*Haemophilus b* Conjugate Vaccine (Meningococcal Protein Conjugate)] and COMVAX® [*Haemophilus b* Conjugate (Meningococcal Protein Conjugate) and Hepatitis B (Recombinant) Vaccine] in December 2007. The Hib vaccine supply shortage that resulted after that recall is now over.

There are adequate supplies of Hib vaccine for all children to receive the infant primary series and the booster dose at 12 through 15 months of age. The return to the full schedule began in July 2009 and, since September 2009, providers have been recommended to recall children in need of the booster dose.

The Temporary Hib Order Form will no longer be necessary to order Hib containing vaccines.

For all new Hib vaccine orders, KVP will be monitoring for usage/doses administered before filling orders. If you are a provider that plans to switch brands of Hib vaccine, you **MUST** use down the current supply before ordering a different brand. As always, fill out the order form completely with each vaccine including the amount of the inventory on hand and the doses given. If you do not want brand substitution, please write "DO NOT SUBSTITUTE" on your order form and no substitutions will be made. If you do not use a product please write "0" or "-in the box. Do not leave any boxes on the form blank unless it is the "wastage/expired column".

If you have KVP questions you can contact the Immunization Program at (502)564-4478.

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